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GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
HOME DEPARTMENT

(G.O. Ms. No. 10, Puducherry, dated 03rd April 2025)

NOTIFICATION

Pursuant to the recommendations of the National Human Rights Commission, New Delhi vide D.O.No. L-19/12/2022-Law, dated 02-05-2022 of National Human Rights Commission, New Delhi and Case No. L-19/12/2022-Law, dated 06-09-2023 of National Human Rights Commission, New Delhi, the Lieutenant-Governor, Puducherry, is pleased to formulate the Policy for payment of compensation on account of death of prisoners confined in the Jails in the Union territory of Puducherry.

2. Compensation shall not be admissible in cases of natural deaths including due to illness.

3. Compensation shall not be admissible in the following cases of unnatural deaths:

(i) If, the death occurs during escape from Jails or from lawful custody outside the Jails.

(ii) If, the death occurs due to any natural disaster/calamity.

4. Compensation shall be paid to the next of kin or legal heirs of prisoners on account of unnatural deaths, in the following cases:

Sl. No.	Particulars of unnatural deaths	Amount of compensation
(1)	(2)	(3)
		₹
(i)	Due to quarrel among prisoners	7.5 lakh
(ii)	Due to torture/beating by prison staff	7.5 lakh
(iii)	Due to negligence in duty by Prison Officers/ Officials.	7.5 lakh
(iv)	Due to negligence by Medical Officers/Paramedical Officers.	7.5 lakh
(v)	Due to suicide committed by prisoners	7.5 lakh

5. The Superintendent of Jail/Deputy Superintendent of Jail concerned shall send detailed report alongwith a copy of the Magisterial enquiry report, postmortem report, final cause of death, medical history, at the time of admission in Jail and details of medical treatment, if any, given to the prisoner prior to his custodial death to the Inspector-General of Prisons, Puducherry, through proper channel for onward submission to the Government for grant of appropriate compensation, as per para 4 as stated above.

6. At least 50 percent of the compensation paid in cases of torture/ beating by prison staff may be deducted from the salary of the erring officer(s)/official(s). Exact percentage of deduction and the ratio to be applied on the delinquent individual officer(s)/official(s) (if, they are more than one) will be determined by the Inspector-General of Prisons.

7. This Policy shall be applicable, as admissible, in respect of prisoners who suffer unnatural deaths in the Jails of Union territory of Puducherry, on or after the date of notification of this Policy.

8. The Secretary to Government (Home), Puducherry, shall be authorized to sanction the compensation as per para 4 stated above.

9. The payment of compensation shall be incurred under the Object Head “(49) - Other Revenue Expenditure (Charged)”.

10. This issues with the concurrence of Finance Department, Puducherry *vide* their I.D.No.E.Comp No. l4015/FD/F5/FC/A3/24-25, dated 19-02-2025.

(By order of the Lieutenant-Governor)

Dr. SHARAT CHAUHAN,
Chief Secretary to Government.
